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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/779,605
Filing Date	2/9/01
First Named Inventor	Miyamoto et al.
Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	C. Prasad
Attorney Docket Number	01029

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 8/15/02  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other A revision to Amendment of 8/15/02 to include a clean copy of claim 5.

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
**MIYAMOTO et al.** : Group Art Unit: 2839  
Serial No: 09/779,605 : Examiner: C. Prasad  
Filed: February 9, 2001 :  
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A SOUND GENERATOR :  
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116  
AS REVISED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2002

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the claims as follows:

*Substantially the same*  
*PTO*  
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*PTO*

4. (Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein  
a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other  
than the base and head end connecting portions is coated  
with nickel by nickel plating.

5. (Amended) A connecting device for a sound generator  
comprising:

*SAC*  
*PTO*

a pair of connecting spring flat plates disposed in a  
plane adjacent to the sound generator, each of the